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A.—No member of a criminal tribe may absent himself from the settlement unless he has been granted a pass. Any member found outside the settlement without the prescribed pass may be arrested without warrant and dealt with in accordance with the Criminal Tribes Act (sections 22 and 25).

Roll calls are held in the settlement at night as detailed below—

(*a*) Regular roll calls between the hours of 8 and 10 p.m.

(*b*) Surprise roll calls at any time between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

In addition, the settlers are checked every night by the watchman between the hours of 11–30 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Disafforested blocks reserved for depressed classes in Tindivanam and Tirukkoyilur taluks.

404 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in Tindivanam and Tirukkoyilur taluks in the South Arcot district, disafforested blocks reserved for depressed classes have been entered upon by the caste Hindus ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Guppy, the District Collector, ordered heavy penalty and eviction ; and

(*c*) if the answers to (*a*) and (*b*) above are in the affirmative, what steps have been taken since then for ejecting these people and for assigning these lands to the members of the depressed classes ?

A.—Government have called for the information.

Local vernaculars in Anglo-Indian schools.

405 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(i) whether it is a fact that attempts have been made since 1912 to remove the local vernaculars from the curricula of studies in Anglo-Indian schools and that there has been a volume of protest against the same ;

(ii) whether the Government have received memorials recently from the Anglo-Indian community protesting against the removal of local vernaculars from the curricula of studies in Anglo-Indian schools ; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table their reply ;

(iii) whether it is a fact that in some of the Anglo-Indian schools the study of the local vernaculars is made compulsory at present in the high school department but not in the middle school department ;

(iv) whether it is a fact that exemption from vernacular study in the high school department is being granted by the Director of Public Instruction ;

(v) whether it is a fact that in some Anglo-Indian schools the local vernaculars have been replaced by French or Latin ;

(vi) whether representations have been made to the Government by the present president of the Anglo-Indian Association in favour of the vernaculars and their retention in the curricula of studies ; and

(vii) what action they have taken in the past since 1910 against the removal of the local vernaculars ?

A.— (i) Yes.

(ii) Memorials have been received. Th[illegible] under investigation.

(iii) Yes.

(iv) Yes, in special cases.

(v) Government have no information.

(vi) No.

(vii) For many years it has been the policy of Government and of the Department of Public Instruction to encourage the study of vernaculars in European schools.

University for Andhra districts.

406 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the report of the committee appointed by the Government to examine the question of the constitution of a university for the Andhra districts has been received by the Government; and, if so, whether he would place the same on the table?

A.—Yes. The report is under consideration of Government.

Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu:—"I should like to ask the Minister why the latter portion of question No. 406 asking whether the report of the committee to examine the constitution of an Andhra university would be placed on the table has not been answered?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro:—"Until Government have fully considered the matter and orders are issued, it is no use placing it before the Council or publishing the report."

Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu:—"May I tell him, Sir, that it would afford information to the public and possibly it will be criticized or approved, which will help the Government to come to a decision in this matter."

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro:—"As far as I know, that has not been the practice and I do not agree with the hon. Member that it would be very useful in publishing a report without the Government considering it fully."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi:—"Is it a fact, Mr. President, that this report has been circulated to the members who had been invited to attend the conference at Vizagapatam?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro:—"Yes; confidentially it was circulated."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi:—"May I know to how many it has been circulated confidentially?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro:—"I can't say to how many."

Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu:—"I was one of the persons invited to attend the conference, but I did not receive it. Possibly it was proposed to be circulated. It would be very useful, I think, to have that report before us in a discussion of the University Bill and I request the Minister to reconsider the desirability of placing it on the table."